

## House Resolution No. 3251

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably dedicated their time, energy, knowledge, and skills to improving the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Wynna Faye Elbert of Columbia has diligently served the people and institutions of her hometown for thirty years as a member of the Parks and Recreation Department, an important endeavor which she will bring to a close on January 1, 2004, in well-deserved retirement; and

**Whereas**, a noted civic leader and activist, Wynna Elbert is a native of Boone County whose unparalleled labors with the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department have facilitated many programs and activities that support youth and adults in the community; and

**Whereas**, Wynna Elbert graciously has served as co-director of the Dr. Martin Luther King Award Memorial Association, founding member of the John William “Blind” Boone Heritage Foundation and the Frederick Douglass Coalition, Worthy Matron of Amos Johnson Chapter #30 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and member of the Missouri Ethnic Minority Society and the Judicial and Law Enforcement Task Force created by the Boone County Commission in 2001; and

**Whereas**, Wynna Elbert has enhanced her already impressive record of accomplishments through her receipt of a Community Diversity Award and Outstanding Black Missourian recognition from the University of Missouri, a Martin Luther King “Making A Difference” Award, Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees from Stephens College, and a Master of Science degree in community development from the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

**Whereas**, Wynna Elbert also deserves commendation of her hosting “Straight Talk”, the longest running call-in talk show on KOPN-FM; co-authoring From Douglass School...To the World; writing such poetry as “Rock of Ages...In the ‘Hood” and “Black from the Heart, Expression from the ‘Hood””; and working first as a Parent Coordinator and then as Director with the local Head Start Program in the 1960s:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive career of Wynna Elbert and to convey to her this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations as she partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Wynna Faye Elbert of Columbia, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Vicky Riback Wilson  
District No. 25

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3251, adopted May 27, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker